

Appl. No. 10/043,590
Suppl. Resp. dated Oct. 22, 2003
Reply to Office Action of 09/10/2003

Supplemental Remarks/Arguments

In a telecon on Oct. 22, 2003 between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner suggested that the undersigned file this Supplement Response to correct an error in the Remarks of Applicant's previously filed Response dated Oct. 10, 2003.

On page 6 of the previously filed Response dated Oct. 10, 2003, please delete and do not consider the second full paragraph reiterated below:

"Applicant respectfully submits that the end product or result of each of the Inventions of Groups I and II is a biopolymer array, which was shielded by a non-miscible fluid during array fabrication. In the Group I Invention, an array of presynthesized biopolymers is ultimately fabricated, while in the Group II Invention, an array of biopolymers is ultimately fabricated. Therefore, Applicant submits that the restriction requirement between Groups I and II should be withdrawn."

The undersigned regrets the error and requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement between the Group I and II Inventions in light of the other remarks made in the original Response dated Oct. 10, 2003.

In summary, Applicant maintains the election of Group I, Claims 29-35, with traverse, but requests herein that the Examiner further consider the remarks in this Supplemental Response when reconsidering the restriction requirement.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above, please contact Gordon M. Stewart, Attorney for Applicant, Registration No. 30,528, at Agilent Technologies, Inc., (650) 485-2386, or the undersigned at (775) 849-3085.

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